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**TOWN OF  
CHESTER**



**For the Year Ending  
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**ANNUAL REPORTS**  
OF THE  
**Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Clerk,**  
**Highway Agent and Trustees of Trust Funds**  
OF THE  
**TOWN OF CHESTER**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

FOR THE  
**Year Ending December 31**  
**1952**

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TOWN OFFICERS 1952

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MODERATOR

Walter P. Tenney

TOWN CLERK

Robert C. Hazelton

SELECTMEN

Austin C. Hunt, 1953

Philip G. Hazelton, 1954

John A. West, 1955

OVERSEER OF POOR

Philip G. Hazelton

TOWN TREASURER

Florence L. Herrick

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Roland A. Nichols

REPRESENTATIVE

Robert C. Hazelton

POLICE OFFICERS

Lester J. Lewis, Chief

Walter Crawford, Special

Edward E. Griffin, Special

Wilbur P. Hunt, Special

Maurice Colman, Special

George Pettigrew, Special and Dog Officer

ROAD AGENT

James W. Towle

HEALTH OFFICER

Edward E. Griffin

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Ernest S. Edwards

Alvah G. Healey

Edward E. Griffin

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Walter P. Tenney, 1953                           Mildred F. Hunt, 1954  
   Eugene Gannon, 1955,

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Rose C. Learnard, 1953                           Ella Allen, 1954  
   Maurice G. Colman, 1955

VILLAGE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Bert Warren, 1953                                   Josiah C. Richardson, 1954  
   Harry C. Edwards, 1955

GREAT HILL CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Maurice G. Colman, 1953                           Byron Mills, 1954  
Charles Morse, 1955                                   William Wason, 1956  
   Austin Hunt, 1957

TRUSTEES OF THE WILCOMB TOWNSEND HOME

Austin C. Hunt, 1953                                   Farish Lewis, 1954  
Byron D. Mills, 1955                                   Ella A. Allen, 1956  
   Philip G. Hazelton, 1957

TOWN AUDITORS

John H. True   William M. Hardy  
   Russell E. Underwood

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Russell Underwood                                   Lewis Gordon  
Lloyd Langille   John True  
   Eugene Tenney

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Wilbur P. Hunt  
Tel. 19-3, Chester, N. H.

FIRE CHIEF

Victor B. Spollett  
Tel. 4-4, Chester, N. H.

CUSTODIAN OF STEVENS MEMORIAL HALL

Edward E. Griffin

LOCAL CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Maj. Walter Smith

BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO  
TOWN MEETING

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TOWN WARRANT

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs: (L. S.)

You are hereby notified to meet at Stevens Memorial Hall in said Chester on Tuesday, the tenth day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects: Propose to close polls at 6 o'clock, Article 2, and all articles thereafter to be taken up at 8 P. M.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and to make appropriations of the same.
3. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of highways and pass any vote relating thereto.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$594.48 for class 5 roads, the State to contribute \$3,963.22.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintenance of Stevens Memorial Hall.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the Town Poor and its share of the cost of Old Age Assistance.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the general expenses of the Fire Department and any balance of the appropriation at the end of the year, to be placed in the hands of the Trustees of Trust Funds to purchase Fire Equipment.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1540.08 for Street Lights.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the Town Dump.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Chester Free Public Library.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintenance of Cemeteries.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for extermination of Moths on trees bordering the highways.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding 1/100 of one per cent of the Town's Valuation based on the 1952 assessment, to the Merrimac Region Association for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the Town in cooperation with the other 37 communities in this region, or act in relation thereto.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Civil Defense.

17. To hear the report of a committee previously appointed regarding a memorial for veterans of World War II and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase and erection of the same.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 to retire the Great Hill Cemetery notes.

19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay into the Town Treasury the sum of \$816.49 it being the amount used for advance payment on Wilcomb Townsend Home account.

20. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell property acquired by the Town through Tax Collector's deeds.

21. To see if the Town will vote to request the State Tax Commission to make a complete reappraisal of the lands and other property within the Town to equalize valuation in accordance to law, and raise and appropriate money for the purpose.

22. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

23. To see what discount will be allowed on April 1953 assessment of taxes paid on or before August 1, 1953, or within ten days of presentation of tax bill, and take any vote relating thereto.

24. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

25. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appraise and assess a tax against the property known as the Townsend Place.

26. To see if the Town will vote to allow the collector of taxes additional compensation for his services in collecting the state head tax and to fix the amount thereof.

27. "To see if the Town will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the Town the benefits of title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old-Age and Survivor's Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 234 of the Laws of 1951 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to defray the town's share of the cost thereof."

28. "If the foregoing article is adopted, to see if the town will authorize the selectmen to execute on behalf of the town the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the town will designate the Town

Treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan."

29. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty first day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty three.

Austin C. Hunt  
Philip G. Hazelton  
John A. West  
Selectmen of Chester

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

Austin C. Hunt  
Philip G. Hazelton  
John A. West  
Selectmen of Chester

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January  
Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year Jan-

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1952	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1952	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1953
<b>From State:</b>			
Interest and Dividends Tax --	\$1,000.00	\$1,159.40	\$1,000.00
Railroad Tax -----	5.00	9.32	5.00
Savings Bank Tax -----	150.00	151.40	150.00
For Fighting Forest Fires -----		5.78	
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>			
Dog Licenses -----	350.00	519.45	350.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees -----	5.00		5.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings -----	125.00	227.25	150.00
Income from Trust Funds -----		728.00	
Income of Departments: -----		297.63	
(a) Highway, including rental of equipment -----		136.40	
<b>Reimbursement, Forest and Grass Fire -----</b>			
Sale of Checklist -----		1.00	
Elwood Hill Tree Removal -----		42.50	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees --	2,500.00	3,186.49	2,800.00
<b>From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:</b>			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	800.00	810.00	800.00
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes -----	15.00	17.00	15.00
Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes -----	4,950.00	7,445.35	5,275.00

CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

1, 1953 to December 31, 1953 Compared with Estimates and Actual  
January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952.

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations		Actual Expenditures	Estimated Expenditures		
	Previous Year	Previous Year	Ensuing Year	1953		
	1952	1952				
<b>Current Maintenance Expenses:</b>						
<b>General Government:</b>						
Town Officers' Salaries -----	\$1,800.00	1,712.16	\$1,800.00			
Town Officers' Expenses -----	800.00	772.38	800.00			
<b>Election and Registration Expenses</b>						
Town Hall and Other Town Buildings -----	350.00	438.79	200.00			
2,000.00	1,555.90	2,200.00				
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>						
Police Department -----	125.00	70.50	125.00			
Fire Department -----	1,250.00	747.01	1,300.00			
<b>Moth Extermination—</b>						
Blister Rust -----	200.00	100.00	100.00			
Civil Defense -----	100.00	30.68	100.00			
<b>Health:</b>						
Health Department,						
Including Hospitals -----	50.00	40.90	50.00			
Vital Statistics -----	30.00	21.60	30.00			
Town Dump, Garbage Removal	300.00	115.50	300.00			
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>						
Town Maintenance—Summer ..	4,000.00	4,289.18	4,000.00			
Town Maintenance—Winter --	2,500.00	2,153.70	2,500.00			
Street Lighting -----	1,540.08	1,540.08	1,540.08			
General Expenses of						
Highway Department -----	800.00	756.62	800.00			
Town Road Aid -----	597.44	597.44	594.48			
Libraries -----	400.00	400.00	400.00			
<b>Public Welfare:</b>						
Town Poor -----	1,300.00	1,721.95	1,300.00			
Old Age Assistance -----	1,600.00	1,106.35	1,600.00			
<b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>						
Memorial Day and						
Veterans' Associations ---	50.00	45.00	50.00			

**BUDGET—(continued)**

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**Recreation:**

Parks and Playground,			
Incl. Band Concerts -----	150.00	173.60	150.00

**Public Service Enterprises:**

Cemeteries -----	175.00	168.00	175.00
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**Unclassified:**

Damages and Legal Expenses,			
Incl. Dog Damage -----		105.16	100.00
Advertising and Regional Assn.	89.00	89.00	90.00

**Interest:**

On Temporary Loans -----	150.00		150.00
On Long Term Notes and Bonds-----	52.50	52.50	52.50

**Payments to Other Governmental  
Divisions:**

County Taxes -----	3,436.58	3,436.58	3,600.00
School Taxes -----		43,769.90	

Total Expenditures -----	23,845.60	66,010.48	
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**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS  
AND EXPENDITURES**

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1952

Title of Appropriation	Appropriations	Receipts & Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdrafts
Town Officers Salaries .....	\$1,800.00		\$1,800.00	\$1,712.16	\$87.84	
Town Officers Expenses .....	800.00		800.00	772.38	27.62	
Election and Registration .....	350.00	1.00	351.00	438.79		89.79
Stevens Memorial Hall .....	2,000.00	227.25	2,227.25	1,555.90	671.35	
Police Department .....	125.00		125.00	70.50	54.50	
Fire Department .....	1,250.00	159.51	1,409.51	1,250.00	159.51	
Moth Control .....	200.00		200.00	100.00	100.00	
Health Dept. .....	50.00		50.00	40.90	9.10	
Summer Maintenance .....	4,000.00	125.40	4,125.40	4,289.18		163.78
Winter Maintenance .....	2,500.00	11.00	2,511.00	2,173.50	337.50	
Town Dump .....	300.00		300.00	115.50	184.50	
Street Lighting .....	1,540.08		1,540.08	1,540.08		
General Exp. Highway Dept. ....	800.00		800.00	756.62	43.38	
Town Road Aid .....	597.44		597.44	597.44		
Civil Defense .....	100.00		100.00	30.68	69.32	
Libraries .....	400.00		400.00	400.00		
Old Age Assistance .....	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,106.35	493.65	
Vital Statistics .....	30.00		30.00	21.60	8.40	

Town Poor .....	1,300.00	728.00	2,028.00	1,721.95	306.05
Memorial Day .....	50.00	50.00	45.00	5.00	
Parks and Playgrounds .....	150.00	42.50	192.50	173.60	18.90
Cemeteries .....	175.00		175.00	168.00	7.00
Interest .....	202.50		202.50	52.50	150.00
Region Association .....	89.00		89.00	89.00	
County Tax .....	3,436.58		3,436.58	3,436.58	
 Totals	 \$23,845.60	 1,294.66	 \$25,140.26	 \$22,658.21	 \$2,733.62
 Net Unexpended Balance .....				 \$2,482.05	 \$251.57
 Damage by Dogs .....				102.16	
Taxes Bought by Town .....				1,805.97	
Refunds and Wrong Tax .....				64.34	
Legal Expenses .....				3.00	
School Money .....				43,769.90	
Head Tax .....				3,724.98	
 Totals				 \$72,128.56	

## FINANCIAL REPORT

of the Town of Chester in Rockingham County for the  
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1952

### CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Dated Feb. 5, 1953

Austin C. Hunt  
Philip G. Hazelton  
John A. West  
Selectmen

Florence L. Herrick, Treasurer

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**CONTINUED**

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## ASSETS

Cash in Hands of Treasurer .....	\$11,698.57
Capital Reserve Funds:	
(For the acquisition of equipment and new construction) .....	502.99
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1951 .....	1,449.92
Levy of 1950 .....	566.48
Previous Years .....	9.88
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1952 .....	11,785.76
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1952 .....	355.00
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1951 .....	15.00
Total Assets .....	\$26,383.60
Grand Total .....	
Grand Total .....	\$26,383.60

## LIABILITIES

## Accounts Owed by the Town:

Bills Outstanding .....	\$443.79
Reserve a/c Future Yield Tax Loss .....	\$1,665.65

## Due to State:

State Head Taxes—1952	
Uncollected .....	370.00
Collected, Not remitted to State Treas.	923.00
	1,293.00

## Due to School Districts:

Balance of Appropriation .....	7,479.87
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## Capital Reserve Funds:

Offsets similar Asset Account .....	502.99
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Long Term Notes Outstanding .....	1,500.00
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Total Liabilities .....	\$12,885.30
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Excess of Assets over Liabilities (Surplus).....	13,498.30
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Grand Total .....	\$26,383.60
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## Receipts

## Current Revenue:

## From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes—Current Year .....	\$46,255.77
Poll Taxes—Current Year—Reg. @ \$2 .....	810.00
National Bank Stock Taxes .....	17.00
Yield Taxes .....	2,729.41
State Head Taxes @ \$.5 .....	2,270.00
Total Current Year's Taxes .....	
Collected and Remitted .....	\$52,082.18
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes .....	
Previous Years .....	10,802.85
Poll Taxes—Previous Years, Reg. @ \$2 .....	70.00
State Head Tax @ \$.5—1951 .....	315.00
Interest received on Taxes .....	259.19
Penalties on State Head Taxes .....	34.50

## From State:

Interest and Dividend Tax .....	1,159.40
Railroad Tax .....	9.32
Savings Bank Tax and Building and	
Loan Association Tax .....	151.40
Fighting Forest Fires .....	5.78

## From Local Sources, Except Taxes

Dog Licenses .....	519.45
Rent of town property .....	263.25
Income from Departments .....	1,025.63
Registration of motor vehicles,	
1952 Permits .....	3,186.49
	6,320.72

Total Receipts from All Sources .....	\$69,884.44
Cash on Hand January 1, 1952 .....	\$13,942.69

**CLASSIFICATION**

Payments

For the Year Ended December 31, 1952

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**Payments****Current Maintenance Expense:****General Government:**

Town Officer's Salaries .....	\$1,712.16
Town Officer's Expenses .....	772.38
Election and Registration expenses ....	438.79

Expenses Town Hall, Town Buildings	1,555.90
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**Protection of Persons and Property:**

Police Department .....	70.50
Fire Dept., including Forest Fires .....	747.01
Moth Extermination—Blister Rust ....	100.00
Damage by Dogs .....	102.16
Civil Defense .....	30.68

**Health:**

Health department, Including Hospital	40.90
Vital Statistics .....	21.60
Town Dumps and Garbage Removal	115.50

**Highways and Bridges:**

Town Road Aid .....	597.44
Town Maintenance	
Summer—\$4,289.18—Winter \$2,173.50	6,462.68
Street Lighting .....	1,540.08

**Libraries:**

Libraries .....	400.00
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**Public Welfare:**

Old Age Assistance .....	1,106.35
Town Poor .....	1,721.95

**Patriotic Purposes:**

Memorial Day and Veteran's Assns. ....	45.00
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Receipts and

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Grand Total ..... \$83,827.13

**PAYMENTS—(Continued)**

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Recreation :

Parks and Playgrounds,	
Including Band Concerts .....	173.60

Public Service Enterprise :

Cemeteries, Including Hearse Hire ....	168.00
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Unclassified :

Damages and Legal Expenses .....	3.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	89.00
Taxes Bought by Town .....	1,805.97
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds ....	64.34

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Total Current Maintenance Expenses ....	\$1,959.31
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Interest :

Paid On Principal of Trust Funds	
Used By Town .....	52.50.

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Total Interest Payments .....	52.50
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Indebtedness :

Payments to Trustees of Trust Funds	
(New Funds) .....	502.99

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Total Indebtedness Payments .....	502.99
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Payment to Other Governmental Divisions :

Paid To State Treasurer :

State Head Taxes 1951 .....	2,401.98
State Head Taxes 1952 .....	1,323.00

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3,724.98

Taxes Paid to County .....	3,436.58
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Payments to School Districts (1951 Tax	
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\$9,269.90)—1952 Tax \$34,500.00 ....	43,769.90
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Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions .....	\$50,931.46
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Total Payments for all Purposes .....	72,128.56
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Cash on hand December 31, 1952 .....	\$11,698.57
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Grand Total .....	\$83,827.13
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**SELECTMEN'S REPORT**  
 For the year ending December 31, 1952  
 Valuation April 1st, 1952

Land and Buildings .....	\$1,139,275.00
Electric Plants .....	56,368.00
Horses, 36 .....	2,650.00
Cows, 203 .....	30,000.00
Other Neat Stock, 12 .....	1,110.00
Sheep and Goats, 21 .....	370.00
Hogs, 6 .....	150.00
Fowl, 11,700 .....	14,060.00
Fur Bearing Animals, 155 .....	1,260.00
Wood Lumber .....	26,346.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks .....	1,690.00
Stock in Trade .....	19,000.00
Mills and Machinery .....	3,710.00
Total Valuation .....	1,295,989.00
Blind and Soliders' Exemptions .....	51,685.00
	\$1,244,304.00

**APPROPRIATIONS**

The following is a correct listing of the appropriations voted at the Annual Town Meeting held March 11, 1952.

**Article 2 — Town Charges**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of	\$3,507.50
To defray Town Charges	
Town Officers Salaries .....	\$1,800.00
Town Officers Expenses .....	800.00
Election and Registration .....	350.00
Police Department .....	125.00
Health Department .....	50.00
Vital Statistics .....	30.00
Parks and Playgrounds .....	150.00
Interest on Temporary Loan .....	202.50

**Article 4 — Highways**

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of	\$7,300.00
Summer Maintenance .....	4,000.00
Winter Maintenance .....	2,500.00
General Expense .....	800.00

Article 6 — Class 5 Roads

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of 597.44

Article 7 — Town Poor and Old Age Assistance

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of 2,900.00

Town Poor .....	1,300.00
Old Age Assistance .....	1,600.00

Article 8 — Chester Free Public Library

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of 400.00  
To defray the expense of Chester Free  
Public Library

Article 9 — Memorial Day

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of 50.00  
For Memorial Day

Article 11 — Street Lights

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of 1,540.08  
For Street Lights

Article 13 — Moth and Pruning Trees

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of 200.00  
For the extermination of Moths and  
Pruning Trees

Article 16 — Merrimack Valley Region Association

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of 89.00  
For the Merrimack Valley Region Association

Article 17 — Fire Department

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of 1,250.00  
To defray the general expense of the  
Fire Department

Article 18 — Stevens Memorial Hall

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of 2,000.00  
For the maintenance of Stevens Memorial Hall

Article 20 — Town Dump

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of 300.00  
For care of the Town Dump

Article 24 — Civil Defense

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of      100.00  
For Civil Defense

Article 26 — Cemeteries

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of      175.00  
For maintenance of Cemeteries

Net Amount Raised by Taxation .....	\$57,735.71
Poll Taxes .....	916.00
National Bank Stock Tax .....	17.00
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	\$58,668.71
Tax Rate on One Hundred Dollars .....	4.64

LIABILITIES

Great Hill Cemetery Notes

William White .....	\$75.00
Edmund Sleeper .....	45.00
Hannah Williams .....	50.00
Sarah A. True .....	75.00
Henry Moore .....	60.00
Samuel Parker .....	40.00
Lot Knowles .....	50.00
Charles H. Knowles .....	50.00
Charles Stevens .....	60.00
Oren F. Page .....	40.00
Hills Stevens .....	50.00
David Lane .....	70.00
Caroline M. Hall .....	50.00
Parker Morse .....	50.00
George Marden .....	50.00
James W. Gordon .....	50.00
James H. Hardy .....	50.00
George West .....	50.00
George H. Jack .....	60.00
Amos Hazelton .....	75.00
Ephraim Orcutt .....	50.00
Augustus Morse .....	50.00
Charles F. True .....	50.00
French Heath .....	50.00

Mary Merrill .....	25.00
Hannah Sawyer .....	50.00
James DeLeskey .....	75.00
W. F. Warren .....	50.00
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	\$1,500.00

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
of the Town of Chester, N. H.  
for the Year Ending December 31, 1952

Receipts

Cash balance from 1951 account .....	13,942.69
<b>Tax Collector:</b>	
Property Tax, 1948 .....	\$13.67
Property Tax, 1949 .....	286.82
Property Tax, 1950 .....	654.17
Property Tax, 1951 .....	9,338.32
Property Tax, 1952 .....	46,272.77
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Timber Tax, 1951 .....	509.87
Timber Tax, 1952 .....	2,729.41
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Head Tax, 1951 .....	315.00
Head Tax, 1952 .....	2,270.00
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Head Tax Fines, 1951 .....	31.50
Head Tax Fines, 1952 .....	3.00
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Poll Taxes, 1951 .....	70.00
Poll Taxes, 1952 .....	810.00
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Interest, 1948 .....	6.18
Interest, 1949 .....	35.72
Interest, 1950 .....	30.21
Interest, 1951 .....	179.08
Interest, 1952 .....	8.00
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<b>Town Clerk:</b>	
Auto Taxes .....	3,186.49
Dog Tax .....	519.45
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State of New Hampshire:		
Dividend Tax .....	1,159.40	
Savings Bank Tax .....	151.40	
Railroad Tax .....	9.32	
States share of fire suppression costs .....	5.78	1,325.90
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James W. Towle:		
Plowing Snow:		
Mrs. Bertha Jensen .....	3.00	
Harry LeClair .....	3.00	
J. Richardson .....	2.00	
C. H. Waterman .....	3.00	11.00
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Rent of Hall .....	206.00	
Money from Gas Meter .....	21.25	
Supervisor of Check List .....	1.00	
Trustee of Trust Funds .....	728.00	
Porter's Grass Fire .....	9.60	
Hoosier Engineering Company .....	144.13	
Ellwood W. Hill .....	42.50	
John M. Marshall .....	19.80	
N. H. Farm Tractor Company .....	63.70	
Town of Fremont for use of Grader .....	25.00	
Walter J. Berry .....	16.90	
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	\$83,827.13	
Paid Selectmen's Orders No. 354—602	72,128.56	<hr/>
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Cash on Hand .....	\$11,698.57	

Florence L. Herrick, Treasurer

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#### TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

There were 189 Dog Licenses during the year. The Clerk received \$559.50. The Treasurer was paid \$519.45 and the Clerk retained \$2.25 postage and \$37.80 fees.

During the year Automobile Town Taxes totaled \$3186.49, which was paid to the Treasurer monthly.

R. C. Hazelton, Town Clerk

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

Summary of Warrant  
Levy of 1952

Dr.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes .....	\$57,735.71
Poll Taxes .....	916.00
National Bank Stock Taxes .....	17.00
Total Warrant .....	\$58,668.71
Yield Taxes .....	2,929.23
Interest Collected .....	8.00
Total Debits .....	\$61,605.94

Cr.

Remittance to Treasurer:

Property Taxes .....	46,255.77
Poll Taxes .....	810.00
National Bank Stock Taxes .....	17.00
Yield Taxes .....	2,729.41
Interest Collected .....	8.00

Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:

Property Taxes .....	11,479.94
Poll Taxes .....	106.00
Yield Taxes .....	199.82
Total Debit .....	\$61,605.94

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT**

Property, Poll, and Yield Taxes  
Levy of 1951

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes As of January 1, 1952:

Property Taxes .....	\$9,089.20
Poll Taxes .....	68.00
Added Poll Taxes .....	2.00
Yield Taxes .....	509.87
Interest Collected During Year .....	173.58
Total .....	\$9,842.65

## Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes .....	\$8,981.20
Error from 1951 Entered as Omitted and added .....	108.00
Poll Taxes .....	70.00
Interest Collected During Year .....	173.53
Yield Taxes .....	509.87
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Total Credits .....	\$9,842.65

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
STATE HEAD TAX  
Levy of 1952**

## Dr.

State Head Tax Committed to Collector:

Original Warrant .....	\$2,640.00
Penalties Collected .....	3.00
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Total Debits .....	\$2,643.00
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Cr.	
Remittances To Treasurer .....	\$2,270.00
Penalties .....	3.00
Uncollected Head Taxes .....	355.00
Abatements .....	15.00
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Total Credits .....	\$2,643.00

**HEAD TAX LEVY OF 1951**

## Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1952 .....	\$280.00
Added Taxes During Year .....	50.00
Penalties Collected .....	31.50
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Total Debits .....	\$361.50
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## Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer Head Taxes .....	\$315.00
Penalties .....	31.50
Uncollected .....	15.00
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Total Credits .....	\$361.50

**SUMMARY OF TAX SALES**

As of December 31, 1952

Dr.

	1951	1950	1949	1948
Taxes Sold to Town during Year	\$1,806.97			
Balance of				
unredeemed Taxes Jan. 1, 1952	\$1,220.65	\$338.01	\$13.67	
Interest Collected after Sale ....	5.50	30.21	35.72	6.18
	\$1,812.47	\$1,250.86	\$373.73	\$19.65
Cr.				
Remittances To Treasurer .....	\$357.05	\$654.17	\$286.82	\$13.67
Interest .....	5.50	30.21	35.72	6.18
Deeded to Town During year			41.31	
Unredeemed Taxes close of year	\$1,449.92	566.48	9.88	
	\$1,812.47	\$1,250.86	\$373.73	\$19.65

**DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS**

Town Officers Salaries

Appropriated \$1,800.00

Austin C. Hunt, Selectman .....	\$225.00
Philip G. Hazelton, Selectmen (Overseer Poor) .....	215.00
John A. West, Selectman .....	200.00
Robert C. Hazelton, Town Clerk .....	332.00
Florence Herrick, Treasurer .....	75.00
Roland A. Nichols, Tax Collector .....	635.16
John H. True, Auditor .....	10.00
William Hardy, Auditor .....	10.00
Russell Underwood, Auditor .....	10.00
	\$1,712.16

Town Officers Expenses

Appropriated \$800.00

Austin C. Hunt, Selectman .....	\$37.55
Philip G. Hazelton, Selectman .....	60.00
John A. West, Selectman .....	35.00
Florence Herrick, Treasurer .....	35.00
Roland A. Nichols, Tax Collector .....	25.00
Mildred F. Hunt, Treas. Trust Funds, Copying Records	55.00
Association of N. H. Assessors, Dues .....	2.00
Miners Press, Candia .....	2.75

Ruth M. Ray, P. M. Postage .....	22.00
Austin C. Hunt, Postage .....	10.00
First National Bank, Derry, Service Charge .....	1.40
Safe Deposit Vault, Trustees of Trust Funds .....	6.00
R. H. Llewellyn Co., Paper Scrap Book .....	10.38
News Enterprise Press, Town Reports and Ballots .....	272.00
Curtis Insurance Agency, Town Officers Bonds .....	88.50
Edson C. Eastman Co., Supplies .....	47.15
Ida M. Horner, Tax Collectors Dues .....	3.00
John A. West, Tax Collectors Meeting .....	6.30
Sargent Brothers, Printing Tax Bills .....	31.15
John W. A. Green, Copying Transfers .....	15.40
D. L. Garrison, Auto and Truck Guides .....	7.00

\$772.38

Election and Registration  
Appropriated \$350.00

Walter P. Tenney, Moderator .....	\$35.00
Edward E. Griffin, Supervisor .....	49.95
Ernest Edwards, Supervisor .....	55.35
Alvah Healey, Supervisor .....	55.35
Robert Lewis, Ballot Clerk .....	3.60
Warren Noyes, Ballot Clerk .....	3.60
Bernard Sanborn, Ballot Clerk .....	18.00
Ralph Seabury, Ballot Clerk .....	3.60
Marion Gannon, Ballot Clerk .....	7.20
Byron Mills, Ballot Clerk .....	25.20
William Ring, Ballot Clerk .....	25.20
Lewis J. Gordon, Ballot Clerk .....	25.20
News Enterprise Press, Check Lists .....	35.00
George E. Pettigrew, Police .....	14.40
Undice Spollett, Dinners and Lunch .....	32.90
Madgeline Mitchell, Dinners and Lunch 2 Days .....	49.00
Edson Eastman Co., Warrants and Postage .....	.24

\$438.79

Police Department  
Appropriated \$125.00

Lester J. Lewis .....	\$66.00
Edward E. Griffin .....	4.50

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\$70.50	
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	Health Department	
	Appropriated \$50.00	
Edward E. Griffin, Health Officer .....	40.90	
Vital Statistics		
Appropriated \$30.00		
Ed T. Flannagan, Register .....	.10	
R. C. Hazelton, Town Clerk .....	21.50	
		\$21.60
	Parks and Playgrounds	
Appropriated \$150.00		
Roland MacDonald, Mowing Lawns .....	\$13.00	
Rockingham Tree Service, Removing Tree .....	122.00	
Earle Hazelton, Mowing and care of Town Clock .....	38.60	
		\$173.60
	Interest	
Appropriated \$202.50		
Trustees of Trust Funds .....	\$52.50	
	Chester Free Public Library	
Appropriated \$400.00		
Rose C. Learnard, Treasurer .....	\$400.00	
Memorial Day		
Appropriated \$50.00		
Backmann Florist, Flowers .....	\$2.60	
Forsaith Drowne Post, Flags, Shells .....	42.40	
		\$45.00
	Street Lighting	
Appropriated \$1,540.08		
N. H. Electric Co., .....	\$1,540.08	
	Moths and Pruning Trees	
Appropriated \$200.00		
F. A. Bartlett Tree Exp. Co., Spraying Trees .....	\$100.00	
	Merrimack Valley Region Association	
Appropriated \$89.00		
Merrimack Valley Region Association .....	\$89.00	
Fire Department		
Including Forest Fires		
Appropriated \$1,250.00		

N. H. Electric Service Co., Electric Service .....	\$11.18
Chester Telephone Co., Telephone Service .....	44.30
Grange Mutual Insurance Co., Insurance .....	75.00
Curtis Insurance Agency, Insurance on Trucks .....	96.75
B. and G. Specialty Co., Fittings .....	6.30
R. G. Crowell Agent, Insurance .....	130.50
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., Supplies .....	3.36
Henry T. Provost, Fireman's Insurance .....	30.00
N. H. Welding Supply Co., Supplies .....	8.25
J. J. Moreau and Sons Co., Supplies .....	6.05
John West, Paint for Fire Siren .....	2.80
Victor Spollett, Supplies and Labor .....	24.50
Hunt's Garage, Supplies and Labor .....	80.21
Wilbur Hunt, Forest Fires, Power Line, and North Chester .....	227.81
Trustees of Trust Funds, Balance 1952 Appropriations	<hr/> 502.99
	\$1,250.00

Stevens Memorial Hall Appropriated \$2,000.00	
Edward E. Griffin, Janitor (4.30 Supplies) .....	\$504.30
Chester Telephone Co., Telephone Service .....	52.88
N. H. Electric Co., Electric Service .....	112.90
Gannon Coal and Supply Co., Coal .....	248.00
Curtis Insurance Agency, Insurance .....	36.40
W. H. Cook and Sons, Tuning Piano .....	5.00
Judy's Lunch, 4 Cords Wood .....	64.00
Earle Hazelton, Sawing Wood and Mowing .....	18.00
Roland MacDonald, Mowing .....	3.75
C. L. Haskell, Fire Proofing .....	55.00
Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., Insurance .....	157.50
Fuelite Gas Service, Gas .....	25.00
J. J. Moreau and Sons, Supplies .....	<hr/> 273.17
	\$1,555.90

Town Dump Appropriated \$300.00	
Frederick H. Weber, Dozer Work at Dump .....	\$115.50

Civil Defense Appropriated \$100.00	
N. H. Electric Co., Lights .....	\$11.00

Chester Telephone Co., Telephone Service .....	19.68
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	\$30.68
Cemeteries	
Appropriated \$175.00	
Harry Edwards, Mowing .....	\$40.00
Earle Hazelton, Mowing .....	128.00
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	\$168.00
Damage By Dogs	
Appropriated None	
Wheeler and Clark, Dog Tags and License Book .....	\$19.66
George E. Pettigrew, Dog Officer .....	82.50
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	\$102.16
Taxes Bought By Town	
Paid Tax Collector .....	\$1,805.97
Wrong Tax Refunds	
Paid Tax Collector .....	\$64.34
County Tax	
County Treasurer .....	\$3,436.58
School Tax	
Treasurer of School District .....	\$43,769.90
Head Tax	
State of N. H. .....	\$3,724.98
Legal Expenses .....	3.00
The Selectmen, in behalf of the Town, wish to thank Mr. Eugene True for the lumber he donated for the repair of the Cannon, on the common.	
Class 5 Roads	
Appropriated \$597.44	
State of New Hampshire .....	\$597.44
Town Poor	
Appropriated \$1,300.00	
Rockingham County Hospital, 2 Cases .....	\$1,224.00
Mrs. Ellen Gradual, Board .....	360.00
Als Variety Store .....	25.56
Kenneth Duston, Oil .....	15.80
Robert Nicoll, Groceries .....	58.25
Low's Drug Store, Medicine .....	8.34
Overseer of Poor, Expense .....	30.00
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	\$1,721.95

Old Age Assistance Appropriated \$1,600.00	
State of New Hampshire .....	\$1,106.35
General Expense of Highway Department	
Appropriated \$800.00	
Auto Electric Service Co., Supplies .....	\$6.45
Clinton Emery, Grader Blades .....	30.00
Curtis Insurance Agency, Insurance .....	161.33
Chester Telephone Co., Telephone .....	4.43
J. J. Moreau and Sons Co., Bolts .....	1.66
James Eustis, Labor and Material .....	263.04
N. H. Farm Tractor Corp., Parts .....	3.15
N. H. Electric Co., Lights .....	10.00
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., Culvert Pipe .....	120.96
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., Wing & Brace, Bladed, Bolts	53.35
Hume Pipe of N. E. Inc., Concrete Pipe .....	102.25
	\$756.62

#### REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

James W. Towle	
Winter Maintenance	
Appropriated \$2,500.00	
Crawford, Walter, Truck .....	\$49.50
Eustis, James, Labor .....	18.00
Follansbee, Ralph, Plowing .....	25.00
Hunt's Garage, Labor and Supplies .....	7.84
Lester, Lester, Truck .....	972.70
Mitch Filling Station, Gasoline .....	33.77
R. C. Hazelton Co., Wing Brace and Snow Fence .....	538.00
Roberts, Harry, Labor .....	126.90
Town of Auburn, Plowing .....	17.76
Towle, James, Labor, Truck .....	381.00
Wells Market, Gasoline .....	3.03
	\$2,173.50

#### Sumner Maintenance

Appropriated \$4,000.00	
Corson, Fred, Gravel .....	\$27.50
Clark, Morley, Gravel .....	188.50
Deleware, Truck .....	140.40
Downing, C. J., Truck .....	242.10

Emery, Carl, Labor .....	63.00
Emery, Clinton, Labor .....	67.50
Estes Filling Station, Gasoline .....	6.12
Follansbee, Ralph, Truck .....	148.50
Granite State Asphalt Co., Asphalt .....	20.70
Healey, Robert, Labor .....	10.00
Hunt's Garage, Gas and Oil .....	35.70
Hammond, Lyman, Truck .....	81.90
Judy's Lunch, Gasoline .....	8.10
Lane, Walter, Lumber .....	15.10
Mitch Filling Station, Gas and Oil .....	72.10
Mystic Bituminous Products Co., Asphalt .....	637.89
Manchester Sand and Gravel Co., Washed Sand .....	3.92
Panzarie, Nelko, Truck .....	15.60
Ring, William, Labor .....	61.20
Rollins, Willis, Truck .....	374.40
Stevens, Norman, Truck .....	269.10
Sinski, Lewis, Blasting .....	56.76
Snow, Albro, Cutting Bushes .....	220.50
State of N. H., Over Draft .....	2.59
Towle, James, Labor and Truck .....	719.50
Tuttle, W. F., Shovel .....	582.00
Webber, R. E., Shovel .....	30.00
Wells, Market, Gasoline .....	4.00
Warren, Albbert, Truck .....	184.50
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	\$4,289.18

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**FINANCIAL REPORT  
WILCOMB TOWNSEND HOME**  
Income

Balance on hand .....	\$974.29
Dividends from Trust Funds .....	1,011.21
Paint Returned .....	12.00
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	\$1,997.50

Expenditures

Paid Treasurer of Trust Funds .....	\$974.29
Treasurer's Bond .....	5.00
Labor and Paint .....	457.45
For Paint .....	88.65

Treasurer's Salary .....	50.00
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	\$1,575.39

Bank Statement \$422.11

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**REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF  
THE GREAT HILL CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

Cash on hand January 1, 1952 .....	\$621.04
Total Receipts .....	179.60
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	\$800.64
Total payments .....	104.12
Cash on hand January 1, 1953 .....	696.52
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	\$800.64
Maurice Colman, Treas.	

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**CEMETERY TRUSTEES, TOWN OF CHESTER**

French Addition

Harry C. Edwards, Treasurer

Balance on Hand .....	\$717.59
Interest to Date .....	21.68
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	\$739.27
Paid Earle M. Hazelton .....	21.63
Cash to Balance .....	717.59
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	\$739.27
Balance on Hand .....	\$717.59

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**REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES  
OF THE CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRAY**

Receipts

Cash on Hand January 1952 .....	\$62.81
Received from Town .....	400.00
Received from John C. Chase Library Fund .....	13.84
Received from George Stevens Library Fund .....	9.40
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	\$486.05

Expenditures

Librarian's Salary .....	\$198.00
Expense of Convention .....	5.00

Books .....	112.35
Magazines .....	42.50
Bank Charges .....	2.34
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	\$360.80
Balance in Bank .....	125.25
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	\$486.05

Ella A. Allen, Treasurer

### CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Books added in 1952 .....	188
Increase by purchase .....	60
Increase by gift .....	128
Magazines received .....	23
By Subscription .....	14
By gift .....	9
Number borrowers December 1951 .....	113
Number borrowers December 1952 .....	131
Fines	
Cash balance January 1, 1952 .....	\$4.74
Fines and sale of two Chester Monument books .....	14.01
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	\$18.75
Expended for library supplies, magazines, books and postage .....	\$16.97
Cash on hand to balance .....	1.78
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	\$18.75

Mrs. Mary Hall has been substitute librarian.

Many people are using our local library to obtain books from the State Library at Concord.

We thank all who have given books and magazines during the year.

Mabel R. Finnigan, Librarian

### TEAM WORK WILL DO THE JOB

Team work has won victories from time immemorial—for families, towns, cities, states and nations. Team Work is the highest form and most democratic example of cooperation. Without team work, America and Americans would never have achieved the greatness that

is theirs. We are all aware of its power and appeal. It is no less needed now than in the past.

Team work among those who live, work and recreate in and near the woodlands, is vital. There never was a time when our woodlands as a whole were in such precarious condition as they are now.

Since the hurricane, nearly 900,000 acres of slash have been added to our already sizeable slash problem. If we are to avoid unnecessary trouble with fire in our woodland areas everyone must cooperate—we must have team work. The remedy is simple.

### YOU and YOU and YOU and YOU

Must secure the required permit from your local forest fire warden before burning.

Must use necessary precautions while burning or smoking in or near woodlands.

Must not throw lighted cigars, cigarettes and matches from vehicles moving along highways.

Otherwise You might well contribute to a costly and damaging fire. And don't forget that fire might destroy your own property!

Remember—Only You and You and You can prevent fire!

### TEAM WORK WILL DO THE JOB !

Number of local fires .....	4
Number of acres burned .....	3
Number of permits issued .....	49

Wilbur P. Hunt, Warden      Merton A. Webber, District Fire Chief

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### REPORT OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

During 1952, seventeen calls were answered

Buildings, In Town 1	In Auburn 1	
Chimney Fires .....	2	
Grass and Woods .....	9	
Oil Burner .....	0	
Tractors .....	2	
False Alarm .....	1	
Lost Child .....	1	

7 permits for Oil Burning Equipment Issued.

New Equipment—None.

Necessary repairs on the trucks and equipment were made.

Victor B. Spollett, Fire Chief

## AUDITORS REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Town Clerk, as required by law, and find them correct and properly vouched.

We have also examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, Village Cemetery Trustees, Great Hill Cemetery Trustees, Library Trustees, and Trustees of the Wilcomb-Townsend Home as required by law or custom and find them correct and properly vouched.

Date of Audit, January 12, 13, 14, 1953.

Signed,

John H. True

R. E. Underwood

William M. Hardy

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## REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER, N. H.

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REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER ON DECEMBER 31, 1952

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS— PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income during Year.	Income During Year.	Expenditures During Year.	Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year.	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year.
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS									
May 25, 1918	Albert Knippee by will -----	U. S. Savings Bond -----	100.00	2 1/2	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
April 15, 1919	Joseph Knowles -----	U. S. Savings Bond -----	100.00	2 1/2	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
April 15, 1919	Robert and Rebecca Knowles -----	U. S. Savings Bond -----	100.00	2 1/2	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Jan. 31, 1920	Elizabeth I. Kent by will -----	U. S. Savings Bond -----	100.00	2 1/2	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
May 27, 1922	John S. Emery by Richard S. Emery	U. S. Savings Bond -----	100.00	2 1/2	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Sept. 30, 1922	George Wells by Carrie L. Warren	U. S. Savings Bond -----	100.00	2 1/2	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Oct. 3, 1922	Amos Green by Charles H. Green -----	U. S. Savings Bond -----	100.00	2 1/2	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Nov. 30, 1923	Moses Pingree by will -----	U. S. Savings Bond -----	100.00	2 1/2	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Jan. 31, 1924	Daniel Bell by will -----	U. S. Savings Bond -----	100.00	2 1/2	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Mar. 31, 1923	Silas F. Learnard by Martha L. Learnard -----	U. S. Savings Bond -----	100.00	2 1/2	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
June 29, 1918	Sarah U. Lane by will -----	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.06	6.06	6.06	6.06	6.06
April 15, 1919	John West by Sarah F. Robinson -----	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.51	1.51	1.51	1.51	1.51
Jan. 31, 1920	John W. West 2nd by will -----	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.51	1.51	1.51	1.51	1.51
April 30, 1921	Page Reed Smith by Josephine Lovering -----	Manchester Savings Bank	80.00	3	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40
April 30, 1921	Sally Lovering Sleeper -----	Manchester Savings Bank	40.00	3	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.21
June 28, 1921	Joseph Dane by Nellie E. Dane -----	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.51	1.51	1.51	1.51	1.51

Nov. 26, 1921	Mary E. Eean by will	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.51
Oct. 3 1922	Charles H. Green by Charles H. Green	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02
May 3, 1923	Samuel S. Warren by Orpha A. Warren	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.51
Nov. 20, 1923	Mark Sanborn by Heirs	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.51
Dec. 22, 1923	Herbert W. Robie	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.51
Mar. 15, 1906	William W. White by will	Town Note -----	75.00	3 1/2	2.62
Dec. 24, 1908	Edmund Sleeper by Heirs	Town Note -----	45.00	3 1/2	1.57
June 17, 1909	Hannah M. William by same	Town Note -----	50.00	3 1/2	1.75
Aug. 28, 1910	Sarah A. True	Town Note -----	75.00	3 1/2	2.62
Aug. 25, 1910	Henry Moore by Emma M. Moore	Town Note -----	60.00	3 1/2	2.10
July 7, 1911	Samuel S. Parker by same	Town Note -----	40.00	3 1/2	1.40
June 3, 1912	Lot Knowles by Heirs	Town Note -----	50.00	3 1/2	1.75
Nov. 26, 1916	Charles H. Knowles by same	Town Note -----	50.00	3 1/2	1.75
Feb. 16, 1916	Charles Stevens by will	Town Note -----	60.00	3 1/2	2.10
Aug. 25, 1917	Oren F. Page by Mary A. Byard	Town Note -----	40.00	3 1/2	1.40
Sept. 29, 1917	Hills Stevens, by Lydia A. Newell	Town Note -----	50.00	3 1/2	1.75
Nov. 1, 1917	David Lane by Sarah E. Lane	Town Note -----	70.00	3 1/2	2.45
June 30, 1918	Caroline M. Hall by will	Town Note -----	50.00	3 1/2	1.75
Mar. 26, 1919	Parker Morse by Clarence O. Morse	Town Note -----	50.00	3 1/2	1.75
Mar. 26, 1919	George Marden by Clarence O. Morse	Town Note -----	50.00	3 1/2	1.75
Oct. 1, 1924	James W. Gordon by will	Town Note -----	50.00	3 1/2	1.75
Oct. 28, 1924	James H. Hardy by Abbie Hardy	Town Note -----	50.00	3 1/2	1.75
Sept. 25, 1925	George S. West by Gertrude J. West	Town Note -----	50.00	3 1/2	1.75
June 5, 1928	Amos Hazelton by Elizabeth S. Hook	Town Note -----	75.00	3 1/2	2.62
April 6, 1928	George Herman Jack by Jessie Stevens	Town Note -----	60.00	3 1/2	2.10
June 5, 1925	Ephraim Orcutt by Elizabeth S. Hook	Town Note -----	50.00	3 1/2	1.75

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Date of Creation	PURPOSE OF CREATION TRUST FUNDS—	HOW INVESTED		Income During Year.	Expended During Year.	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year.
		Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest			
Jan. 2, 1929	Augustus P. Morse by Augustus P. Morse	Town Note -----	50.00	3½	1.75	1.75
Dec. 31, 1929	Charles F. True by will per Sarah J. True	Town Note -----	50.00	3½	1.75	1.75
Jan. 5, 1931	French - Heath by Jennie C. Heath	Town Note -----	50.00	3½	1.75	1.75
Jan. 1, 1929	Mary F. Merrill by same -----	Town Note -----	25.00	3½	.88	.88
July 1, 1931	Hannah M. Sawyer by will -----	Town Note -----	50.00	3½	1.75	1.75
Oct. 13, 1931	James DeLeskey by Rilla Day -----	Town Note -----	75.00	3½	2.62	2.62
May 26, 1936	W. F. Warren by Frank Warren -----	Town Note -----	50.00	3½	1.75	1.75
May 3, 1904	John W. Noyes by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	300.00	3	9.06	9.06
Feb. 16, 1915	Jonathan Pressey by will -----	Amoskeag Savings 'Bank	45.00	3	1.36	1.36
Dec. 23, 1908	Luther W. Hall by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Feb. 10, 1910	George W. Stevens by same -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	339.80	3	10.28	11.14
Oct. 3, 1911	Charles A. Dearborn by will -----	Amoskeag Sav. Bank -----	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Oct. 11, 1911	Fey. Charles Tenney by Mary E. Tenney -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Oct. 31, 1914	Cynthia J. Brown by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.50	1.50
Aug. 30, 1916	John Hazelton by Susan Hazelton -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
June 30, 1918	George L. Converse by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.50	1.50

Mar. 29, 1925	Lydia J. Ramsey by same by Kate V.	Colby	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Jan. 23, 1926	Mills & Wilson by Frank M. Mills per Martin Mills	Amoskeag Savings Bank	350.00	3	7.56	8.20	
Oct. 5, 1926	Helen F. Soule by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	
June 5, 1928	James & J. Albert Hook by Elizabeth S. Hook	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	
May 30, 1930	Arthur L. Morse and Harry Roberts by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	
April 27, 1931	George A. Hosley by Emma Hosley	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	
Mar. 12, 1929	John C. Chase by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.05	6.05	
May 1, 1920	Village Cemetery by Clarence O. Morse	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.05	6.05	
Jan. 28, 1932	George F. West by Heirs	U. S. Savings Bond	1000.00	2 1/2	25.23	25.00	
May 7, 1932	The Mills Family by Heirs of Annie Mills	Amoskeag Savings Bank	185.00	3	5.59	5.59	
Aug. 3, 1932	C. F. Marston by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.05	6.05	
May 2, 1933	Buzzell A. Follansbee by Herman Follansbee	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	
Aug. 1, 1933	Carlos Noyes by will	Manchester Savings Bank	60.00	3	1.80	1.80	
Jan. 11, 1933	A. H. Wilcomb by will	Manchester Savings Bank	75.00	3	2.27	2.27	
		Amoskeag Savings Bank	224.00	3	22.85	7.44	
		Mortgage	220.00	5			
Oct. 9, 1933	Josie Gerah by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	
Jan. 19, 1934	John F. & Jennie E. Green, Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3	4.53	4.53	
July 9, 1934	Lucy Lawrence by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	
July 8, 1935	Ellen A. Coates by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.05	6.05	
Nov. 25, 1935	Joseph Webster by Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	
Feb. 23, 1937	Valeria A. Towle by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	
May 20, 1937	Mabel J. Brickett by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	

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			Balance at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Rate of Interest			
May 8, 1937	Charles E. Cook by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	3.02	3.02
Aug. 14, 1937	Moses Webster, Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	3.02	3.02
Aug. 19, 1937	The Melvin Fund by John Tracy Melvin	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	3.02	3.02
Oct. 23, 1937	Fred B. and Alice E. Boyles by Abbott W. Boyles	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3	4.53	4.53	4.53	4.53
Jan. 28, 1938	Thomas J. Melvin by Helen E. Melvin by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00 40.00	3 3	3.02 1.20	3.02 1.20	3.02 1.20	3.02
Dec. 8, 1938	James Marden by daughter —	Amoskeag Savings Bank	40.00	3	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20
Mar. 1, 1939	Chester Noyes Greenough by Ruth H. Greenough	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	3.02	3.02
May 29, 1939	E. G. Buffum by Lilla J. Morton	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	3.02	3.02
Aug. 11, 1939	Frances L. Hazelton Estate of F. L. by O. L. Hazelton	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.05	6.05	3.02	3.02
Nov. 25, 1939	Susie Smith	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	3.02	3.02
May 21, 1940	Magdalena Robbs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.05	6.05	6.05	6.05
Oct. 31, 1940	John H. Robbie by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3	4.53	4.53	3.02	3.02
Dec. 27, 1940	George Mackintosh by Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	3.02	3.02
July 22, 1941	Lewis Kimball by Annie L. Little	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02	3.02	3.02

Oct.	25, 1950	Eva Underhill	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Nov.	8, 1941	Sanborn & Morse by Heirs of Mary A. Sanborn & Leroy D. Morse	Amoskeag Savings Bank	120.00	3	3.62	3.62
Nov.	29, 1941	Mary A. Owen by Mary Owen --	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Nov.	28, 1941	Edward T. Morse, Lois C. Morse by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Oct.	7, 1942	Mary J. Maple by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
May	4, 1942	William Greenough by Arthur Greenough	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
May	5, 1942	Arthur E. Leighton by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Feb.	23, 1942	William P. Nichols by children	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
July	27, 1942	Justine F. Creamer by Ina Creamer	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Aug.	22, 1942	Isabelle C. Clark by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.05	6.05
June	18, 1943	Lida E. Crawford by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	300.00	3	9.08	.78
Dec.	13, 1943	Amos T. French, by will	U. S. Bonds	5000.00	2½	231.55	129.56
Feb.	15, 1943	Minnie D. French by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.50	1.50
July	16, 1945	Addie F. Watkins by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Dec.	7, 1945	Ann M. Wakefield by Maud B. Goodrich	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3	4.53	4.53
Dec.	9, 1947	George S. Webster by daughters	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3	4.53	4.53
Apr.	15, 1948	John G. Lang by Mary I. Lang by will	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	3	4.53	4.53
Apr.	15, 1948	Edwin Jones by Mary I. Lang by will	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	3	4.53	4.53
May	5, 1948	Osgood Richards by Abbie Richards Hood	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	3	4.53	4.53
Sept.	29, 1949	Preston E. Goodrich by Maud B. Goodrich	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	3	4.53	4.53

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		Year	Year					
Nov. 16, 1949	Robert H. Hazelton	(2 shares of stock) -----	-----	4.95	22.63	26.00	1.58	
Mar. 24, 1950	William Finnigan by same	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	100.00 3	3.27	3.27			
April 24, 1950	Victoria J. Brown by will	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	200.00 3	2.05	6.62	2.05	6.62	
July 5, 1950	William H. and Arthur H. West	Manchester Savings Bank	250.00 3	2.93	7.60	9.86	.67	
Oct. 18, 1950	By Georgiana West -----	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00 3	3.02	3.02			
Aug. 26, 1951	William A. Moore By George Moore	Manchester Savings Bank	300.00 3	1.77	9.11	7.54	3.34	
May 1, 1951	George E. Gillingham -----	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00 3	3.03	3.03			
Dec. 11, 1951	J. Wesley Smith -----	Manchester Savings Bank	175.00 3	5.29	5.29			
April 1, 1952	Mansur & Seibert -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00 3	3.00	3.00			
and John L. Husom -----								
Dec. 24, 1946	Great Hill Cemetery Fund-----	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	733.00 3	2,572.85	53.79			2,626.64
		LIBRARY FUNDS						
Feb. 10, 1910	George W. Stevens by Will	Manchester Savings Bank	339.80 3			10.25		
Jan. 2, 1931	John C. Chase by same	Manchester Savings Bank	500.00 3			15.11		
Mar. 24, 1950	Fire Department Equipment Fund	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	3	855.89	529.47			1,385.36

1915	The Wilcomb Home Fund by Mary J. Wilcomb -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank Manchester Savings Bank U. S. Savings Bond -----	3,466.98 919.04 1,000.00
1927	Lydia A. Newell Home Fund by Lydia A. Newell -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank Manchester Savings Bank	8,907.29 4,389.32
	Wilcomb Townsend Home Fund-----	Amoskeag Savings Bank Manchester Savings Bank Mechanics Savings Bank First National Bank U. S. Savings Bonds	5,223.69 3,049.67 304.58 10,258.84 4,300.00
Jan. 26, 1952	Pd. F. G. Lewis, Trustee of Wilcomb-Townsend Home Income on these Funds for 1952 ----- \$1,083.66 January 30, 1952 received from F. G. Lewis, Trustee of Wilcomb-Townsend Home, unexpected Balance of 1950 ----- \$974.29		

Chester, N. H. January 28, 1952

This is to certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Trustees of the Trust Funds, Town of Chester and find them correct and properly vouched.

John H. True, W. M. Hardy, R. E. Underwood, Auditors

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CHESTER

MODERATOR

John West

CLERK

Mildred F. Hunt

TREASURER

Carrie A. Richardson

SCHOOL BOARD

Gladys S. MacDonald Charles A. Morse  
H. Wallace Fitts

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Everton H. Parkinson

Residence, Derry, N. H., Tel. Office 195

SCHOOL NURSE

Lillian S. Mackintosh

Residence, Chester, N. H., Tel. Chester 051

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Edward E. Griffin

AUDITOR

Paul S. Nutting

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TEACHERS UNDER APPOINTMENT

School and

Grades	Name	P. O. Address
Chester 1	Greeley, Gertrude	Londonderry, N. H.
Chester 2-3	McCully, Doris	Chester, N. H.
Chester 3-4	Church, Muriel	Chester, N. H.
Chester 5-6	Sargent, Dorothy	Fremont, N. H.
Chester 7-8	Pierce, Paul	Chester, N. H.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 1952 to June 1953

1952

First Period

Opens Wednesday, Sept. 3 Closes Tuesday, Dec. 23

1953

Second Period

Opens Monday, Jan. 5 Closes Friday, Feb. 29

Third Period

Opens Monday, March 2 Closes Friday, April 24

Fourth Period

Opens Monday, May 4 Closes at the end of 180 school days

**TENTATIVE CALENDAR**  
September 1953 to June 1954

1953

## First Period

Opens Wednesday, Sept. 9

Closes Wednesday, Dec. 23

1954

## Second Period

Opens Monday, Jan. 4

Closes Friday, Feb. 19

### Third Period

Opens Monday, March 1

Closes Wednesday, April 21

## Fourth Period

Opens Wednesday, April 28

Closes at the end of 180 school days

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SCHOOL WARRANT  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Chester,  
N. H., qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Stevens Memorial Hall in said district on the 21st day of March, 1953 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
  2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
  3. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.
  4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
  5. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
  6. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in the warrant.
  7. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
  8. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to continue grading the area back of the school for playground activities and pass any vote relating thereto.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at Chester this 6th day of March, 1953.

Gladys S. MacDonald  
Charles A. Morse  
H. Wallace Fitts  
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

Gladys S. MacDonald  
Charles A. Morse  
H. Wallace Fitts  
School Board

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### BUDGET

Expenditures Items	Items	School	Boards
		Appro.	Est. Budget
Administration			
Salaries of district officers .....	\$276.00	\$276.00	
Supt.'s excess salary (local share) .....	399.49	412.50	
Tax for state wide supervision .....	438.00	442.00	
Salaries of administrative personnel ....	228.28	225.63	
Supplies and expenses .....	200.00	300.00	
Instructions			
Teachers salaries .....	14,000.00	14,587.08	
Books and other instructional aids .....	300.00	300.00	
Scholars' supplies .....	400.00	400.00	
Supplies and other expenses .....	125.00	125.00	
Operation of School Plant			
Janitors' salaries .....	850.00	900.00	
Fuel .....	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Water, light and supplies .....	450.00	450.00	
Maintenance			
Repairs and replacements .....	400.00	400.00	
Auxiliary Activities			
Health Supervision .....	312.64	340.00	
Transportation .....	5,200.00	6,000.00	
Tuition-high school .....	18,075.00	18,400.00	
Special activities .....	250.00	500.00	
Fixed Charges			
Insurance .....	200.00	200.00	

Retirement .....	849.06	873.62
Total Current Expenditures .....	44,153.47	46,331.68
Debt and Interest		
Debt .....	4,000.00	4,000.00
Interest on debt .....	783.75	693.75
Total debt and interest .....	4,783.75	4,693.75
Total Payments .....	48,937.22	51,025.43
Special appropriation (grading) .....	300.00	
	49,237.22	
Receipts		
Balance (actual or estimated) .....	750.00	500.00
State aid .....	6,507.35	6,700.00
Total Receipts Other Than Property Tax	7,257.35	7,200.00
District Assessment to be Raised by		
Property Taxes .....	41,979.87	43,825.43
Total Appropriation Voted by School		
District .....	49,237.22	51,025.43

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
 July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952

**RECEIPTS**

Cash on hand July 1, 1951 .....	\$94.96
National School Lunch .....	\$1,295.92
State aid .....	6,507.35
Tax levy .....	35,769.90
Trust funds .....	338.73
Other .....	12.50
Total receipts .....	44,019.36

**PAYMENTS**

Administration

Salaries of district officers .....	276.00
Superintendent's salary (local share)	366.32
Tax for state wide supervision .....	398.00
Salaries other administrative personnel	223.42

Supplies and expenses .....	303.58
Instruction	
Teachers' salaries .....	13,085.52
Books and other instructional aids .....	277.89
Scholars' supplies .....	75.51
Supplies and other expenses .....	168.73
Operation of School Plant	
Salaries of janitors .....	784.18
Fuel or heat .....	1,170.84
Water, light, supplies and expenses .....	495.30
Maintenance of School Plant	
Repairs and replacements .....	470.89
Auxiliary Activities	
Health supervision .....	314.85
Transportation .....	5,258.90
High School Tuition .....	12,660.51
School lunch (federal and district funds only) .....	1,649.21
Fixed Charges	
Retirement .....	803.27
Insurance, treas. bonds and expenses ....	5.00
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Total Current Expenses .....	38,787.92
Capital Outlay	
New equipment .....	224.91
Debt and Interest	
Principal of debt .....	4,000.00
Interest on debt .....	873.75
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Total Payments for all Purposes .....	43,886.58
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Cash on hand at end of year (June 30, 1952) .....	\$132.78

#### AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Chester of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Paul S. Nutting, Auditor

August 2, 1952

## TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952

Cash on hand July 1, 1951 .....	\$94.96
Received from Selectmen, appropriation	\$35,769.90
Received from State Treasurer, State Aid	6,507.35
Received from State Treas., School Lunch	1,295.92
Received from Trust Funds .....	338.73
	_____
Total receipts .....	43,911.90
	_____
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	44,006.86
Less School Board Orders Paid .....	43,874.08
	_____
Balance on Hand June 30, 1952 .....	132.78
	Carrie A. Richardson, District Treasurer
June 30, 1952	

## AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Chester of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952 and find them correct in all respects.

Paul S. Nutting, Auditor

August 2, 1952

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

September 1951 to June 1952

Number of children examined .....	151
Number of children vaccinated or excused .....	151
Number of defects corrected or treated	
Hearing	1
Vision	8
Number of communicable diseases	
German measles	11
Scarlet fever	2
Number of children attending clinics	
T. B. for Patch testing	58
X-ray	6
Orthopedic	2
Number of home visits .....	66
Number of school visits .....	193

Lillian S. Mackintosh, School Nurse

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Chester School Board:

I herewith submit my eleventh annual report as superintendent of schools in Chester.

### STATISTICAL REPORTS

#### Enrollment

The total enrollment for grades one through eight for the period ending January 31, 1953 was 150 as compared to 151 for the same date last year and 159 two years ago.

The membership by school and grades as of January 31, 1953 follows:

School	Grade								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Chester	24	17	11	22	25	15	19	12	145

The number of Chester pupils who were in high school on January 31, 1953 were

School	Grade				Total
	9	10	11	12	
Manchester	3			1	4
Pinkerton		9	13	10	32
Raymond	8	4	2	2	16
Hood	12				12
Totals	23	13	15	13	64

#### Statistics For the School Year Ending June 30, 1952

Total registration .....	155
Half days schools were in session .....	354
Average membership .....	145.6
Average attendance .....	137.9
Per cent of attendance .....	94.7
Pupils transported at district expense .....	79

On Thursday evening June 12, 1952 graduation exercises were held in the Stevens Memorila Hall for 23 pupils who had completed the prescribed elementary program of studies. Appropriate exercises preceded the awarding of certificates to the following:

Barbara Dearborn	Ernestine Monish
Gloria Mills	Dana Morse
Arthur Dolloff	David Morse
Cynthia Dunbar	Hobart Rand
Alice Edwards	Hilda Roberts
William Hardy	David Stapleford
Lloyd Healey	Sharon Towle
Victor Hunt	Walter Tucker

Richard Karpinski  
Fritz Klein  
David Lyons  
Ronald Menard

Gilbert Vaal  
Janice Wilson  
Harold Ryder

There was a decrease of 3 in the actual enrollment at elementary level and an increase of 3 at the secondary level so that there is no change of enrollment at present. The size of last year's graduating class in relation to the entering class caused this situation. The census returns indicate it will be several years before the graduating class will be larger than the entering class. It seems as though the enrollments at elementary level will show increase for the next several years. There may be a slight decrease in enrollment at secondary level for the next few years. These statements are predicated upon the population remaining stable.

#### Instruction

There was only one change in personnel since last year. Mr. Schnare resigned to accept a position in Franklin. The district was fortunately able to secure the services of Mr. Paul Pierce who had served as teaching principal in New Durham for two years previously. With all other teachers returning the school has operated well during the year. The district is indeed fortunate to continue to have all positions filled by able conscientious teachers.

The continuance of the handwriting services is paying dividends in that the general level of legibility and neatness is high. This is an area that can easily be neglected and it is worth while to maintain high standards for all pupils.

The work of Mrs. Kelley in the area of music instruction culminates in the public performances. This year combined groups of upper grade children produced a fine Christmas program at the Hood School. The boys and girls will put on a performance in the spring and the musical portion of the graduation is always a pleasing addition.

There are several new additions to our text book materials. New arithmetic texts were procured. A beginning was made in the English field in the replacement of the texts in that area. Supplementary materials were also provided.

Providing several texts in a given area such as geography and history in an attempt to develop beginning research technique and to develop habits of critical reading. One difficulty that pupils experience at high school and post secondary institutions is how to attack a problem involving research. By introducing it in a simple form at elementary level a start is made in the right direction. In

addition to the development of a research technique the pupil is also encouraged to read critically. The acceptance of the printed word without question can create situations where a student is easily swayed by propaganda. By the development of a questioning mind he develops, it is hoped, some skill in sifting out the true from the spurious.

All things that we in the school can do in the instructional area to develop critical thinking at the same time we are providing for fundamental knowledge will result in better citizenry.

#### Budget

The overall increase in estimated expenditures is \$2,088.21. This increase is found in almost every area but the areas of instruction and auxiliary activities account for nearly \$2000 of the increase. A more detailed analysis of the budget by areas is possibly appropriate.

#### Administration

The increase in this area is primarily in supplies and expenses. The actual expenditures in 1951-52 were approximately \$300. This item comprises local and supervisory union supplies and expenses. The supervisory union portion which is statutory is \$111.14. Of the local expense of \$188.86 approximately \$100 is for school telephones, \$75 for school board expense which includes all travel, (attendance at supervisory union and state meetings), telephone and postage, \$13.86 is included to cover supplies used by the principal and teachers for administrative bulletins, printing of legal notices (vaccination et al).

#### Instruction

The whole amount of increases in this item occurs in salaries. This item covers the regular teachers salaries plus handwriting and music. In light of the diminishing supply of qualified teachers the necessity of meeting the competition of other districts to retain the service of qualified teachers is self evident. This increase is common to nearly all districts in the state.

#### Operation

The only increase here is in janitors salary. The service required of and given by your janitor make this increase almost mandatory.

#### Auxiliary Activities

The big increase in this item is transportation of school children. This is a legal responsibility of the district. Referring to the 1946 report the transportation cost was \$2000 with 29 pupils being transported. Our current transportation involves some 85 child-

ren and the transportation item is 3 times as large as it was then. With rising costs it is little suprising that 3 times as many children can be transported at 3 times the expense.

High school tutition another legal obligation of the district reflects this year an increase in tuition rate with no increase in enrollment.

The increase in special activities is to allow for additional play equipment for boys and girls now that the district has begun a program of improving the play ground area.

#### Fixed Charges

The increase in retirement reflects increased teacher salaries.

#### Income

This area is difficult to estimate in a legislative year. If the budget as proposed by the governor is adopted by the legislature, it is possible that the state aid may be increased by \$2500 or more. Such an increase would wipe out estimated expenditures so that the levy could be slightly reduced. The debt service also is decreasing slightly each year. In addition this year's budget (1953-54) is the next to the last payment on the short term note of the district. These two faetors are favorable ones for the district.

#### Conclusion

The expansion of current demands in our modern educational concept of educating the whole child has resulted in the use of teacher aids to a greater extent so that the teaching process can proceed at a more rapid and efficient pace. The Chinese proverb "One picture is worth a thousand words" is a statement that is one basis for the extended use of visual aids. As the film strip library is increased and expanded, the teachers can be in a position to enhance the educational opportunities for children.

It will also enable us to expand our curriculum offerings. There are some educational services that are being offered increasingly throughout the country that as yet have not been offered to the pupils of Chester. The need for the services of a physical educator who will help achieve "a healthy mind in a healthy body" is dramatized by the incidence of a remedial physical faults in the young adults of our country. A small investment in this area may and can return big dividends.

A second area that needs consideration is an expanded guidance program. The work of the class room teacher is decidedly valuable in this area. A guidance person can coordinate class room activities so that there is less waste of human resources as well as finance.

The expansion of the educational services has been delayed by increasing costs caused by increasing enrollments and the higher prices of an inflationary spiral. These services can perhaps be provided when a stable economy permits long range planning.

It continues to be a pleasant duty to work where citizens, parents, pupils, teachers and elected officials are concerned with the advancement of the education of children. It is a privilege to work under such conditions and to try to plan for increase educational opportunities for all children.

Respectfully submitted,

Everton H. Parkinson

Superintendent of Schools

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**Births, Marriages and Deaths**  
**REGISTERED IN THE**  
**TOWN OF CHESTER**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING**  
**December 31st, 1952**

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**Births Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for Year Ending December 31, 1952**

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Male or Female Lvge or Still b. No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Jan. 2	East Berry	Carol Ann Smith	1	6 w James H. Smith, Jr.	Alice A. Burke	Newton, Mass.	Cambridge, Mass.
Feb. 3	d.w.	Susan E. Johnson	1	6 w John Johnson	Evelyn Plott	Montpelier, Vt.	Lawrence, Mass.
Apr. 5	East Berry	Anne Louise Blandford	1	2 w Hildred R. Blandford	Ielen G. Crawford	Cleveland, Ohio	Cambridge, Mass.
May 13	Exeter	Glen Eric Swanson	m	1 w Arthur E. Swanson	Wilna M. Edelcomb	Everett, Mass.	Dayton, Maine
May 23	East Berry	Jane Daniel Forsyth	m	1 w Gerald F. Forsyth	Marie D. Aucoin	Canada	Waltham, Mass.
May 24	East Berry	Faith Barbara Warren	f	1 w Albert C. Warren	Barbara A. Sonner	Manchester, N. H.	Methuen, Mass.
June 6	East Berry	Carol Willis Nason	m	1 w Ralph H. Nason	Dorothy M. Guyette	N. H.	Raymond, N. H.
June 17	East Berry	Gregory Alan Browne	m	1 w Robert C. Browne	Marilyn S. Williams	Boston, Mass.	Arlington, Mass.
July 7	East Berry	Ernest James Michael	m	1 w Phillip F. Michael	Edith H. Carter	Chelsea, Mass.	Saugus, Mass.
July 22	East Berry	Linda Mildred Holden	f	1 w Norman B. Holden	Esther E. Robbie	Stoneham, Mass.	Derry, N. H.
July 27	East Berry	Steven Melvin	m	1 w Albert S. Melvin	Hannah Anderson	Nashua, N. H.	Lawrence, Mass.
July 30	East Berry	Mary Ellen Hallinan	f	1 w William E. Hallinan	Barbara E. McFarland	Brentwood, N. H.	Chester, N. H.
Aug. 12	Exeter	Diane L. Bethone	f	1 w Jacob E. Bethone, Jr.	Jean E. Watson	Maine	Chester, N. H.
Sept. 22	East Berry	Gene David Roberts	m	1 w Merton C. Edwards	Francis C. Estes	Chester, N. H.	Lynn, Mass.
Oct. 31	Exeter	Dana Linden Clement	m	1 w Randolph L. Roberts	Elizabeth M. Jones	Raymond, N. H.	Chester, N. H.
Dec. 21	East Berry	Gail Elaine Tenney	f	1 w George A. Clement	Doris G. Bowley	East Kingston, N. H.	East Kingston, N. H.
					Elsie D. Gentner	Chester, N. H.	

**Marriages Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for Year Ending December 31, 1952**

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents	Condition		Name, Residence, Official Station of Person by whom Married.
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Jan. 12	Chester,	Jacob E. Bethone, Jr.	East Hampt	Carpenter	Maine	Jacob Bethone	1	Stanley Dahlman	
		Jean E. Wason . . . . .	Chester	19 w Defense work	Chester	Marion J. Delaney	1		
Feb. 16	Derry,	Franklin E. Chase . . . . .	Chester	51 w Shoe cutter	Derry	Harold Watson		Charles D. Maurer	
		Pauline C. Hills . . . . .	Chester	48 w House wife	Vermont	Marjorie A. Smith	2		
Feb.	23 Westville	Eugene D. Tenney . . . . .	Chester	23 w Machinist	Boston, Mass.	Harry E. Chase			
		Martha J. Oberle . . . . .	Sandown	19 w Home	Sandown	Clara B. Weaver			
Mar.	15 Chester,	Paul J. Hogan . . . . .	Lowell, Mass.	50 w Home	Lowell, Mass.	John D. Fiske			
		Zilpha B. Carlton . . . . .	Lowell, Mass.	29 w Bookkeeper	New Hampshire	Martha A. Emery	2		
Apr.	5 Chester,	Norman P. Duston . . . . .	Danville	20 w Laborer	Danville	Eugene F. Penney		William A. Dolan	
		Alyce Ann Delorey . . . . .	Chester	17 w Home	Winchester, Mass.	June Bailey			
June	6 Chester,	Frank R. Chase . . . . .	Auburn	20 w U. S. Navy	Claremont	Maud J. Oberle	1		
		Gloria J. Wells . . . . .	Chester	18 w Home	Derry	Maud B. Hoyt	1		
June	29 Chester,	Arthur Richardson . . . . .	Chester	32 w Laborer	New Hampshire	Lyman P. Hogan	1	R. C. Hazelton	
		Ruth Ann Comstock . . . . .	Chester	19 w Home	Massachusetts	Ellen Laffey	1		
Aug.	2 Derry,	Alfred J. Marcotte, Jr.	Derry	20 w Taxi driver	New Hampshire	Daniel G. Carleton	1		
		Maxine T. Lessard . . . . .	Chester	18 w Home	New Hampshire	Cora L. Smith	1		
Aug.	31 Chester,	Harlan A. MacDonald	Chester	25 w Chauf.	New Hampshire	Oscar S. Dustin	1	Hubert C. Matthews	
		Frances E. McDufee . . . . .	Derry	26 w Shoe taping	New Hampshire	Blanche M. Birne	1		
					Massachusetts	Herman Maxwell	1		
						Sherman P. Comstock	1		
						Doris M. Sullivan			
						Alfred J. Marcotte, Sr.	1	Joseph R. O'Connor	
						Lila W. Bartlett	1		
						Edward M. Lessard	2		
						Blanche A. Leighton			
						Edgar F. MacDonald			
						Gladys S. Young			
						Orin L. McDufee	1		
						Frances E. Small	1	Stanley Dahlman	

**MARRIAGES — CONTINUED.**

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each	Name of Parents	Name, Residence, Official Station, or Condition of Person by whom Married.
Sept. 1	Franklin,	Heribert Henderson, Jr. Jaanie Thompson .....	Marshfield, Chester	124 w 23 w	Air Force Home	Massachusetts New Hampshire	Heribert J. Henderson Constance G. Clark	1 M. F. Montgomery
Sept. 6	Chester,	George W. Hayes Linda M. Comstock ..	Chester Chester	22 w 20 w	Parts man Inspector	Massachusetts Malden, Mass	Blanche L. Griffin Warren F. Noyes	1 Stanley Dahlman
Oct. 4	Chester,	Cecil W. Palsley .....	Landonburg, Barbara A. Holden ..	21 w 17 w	Air Force Stenog.	Maine Penn.	Evelyn V. Lane Sherman P. Comstock	1
Nov. 22	Pelham	William Zimmer, Jr. Nancy A. Rand .....	Chester Chester	25[w] 23[w]	Student Teacher	New York New Jersey	Charlotte G. Conley Loren P. Rand	1 Minister of the Gospel
Dec. 6	Chester,	William E. Hutchinson Frances A. Jones .....	Sandown Chester,	24[w] 17[w]	Tractor oper. Home	Massachusetts New Hampshire	Isabel Groff Thomas Hutchinson Charlotte C. Newlon William D. Jones Mabel H. Teague	1 Stanley Dahlman

**Deaths Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for Year Ending December 31, 1952**

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 3	Chester .....	Harrison M. Kelley .....	90 Sandown .....	Unknown	
Feb. 3	East Derry .....	Eva L. Wason .....	77 Candia .....	Edwin N. Martin	Hannah French
Apr. 11	Chester .....	Carrie J. Larsen .....	77 Denmark .....	Peter Christiansen	Maren Sorenson
May 27	Concord .....	Edward C. True .....	69 New Hampshire .....	Charles L. True	Sarah Philbrook
July 24	Haverhill, Mass. ....	Anna M. Bagley .....	69 Bradford .....	John W. Bagley	Mary J. Malone
Sept. 15	Chester .....	Effie E. Gannon .....	76 Draughton, N. D. ....	Daniel Astle	Elizabeth Travers
Oct. 30	Chester .....	Merton C. English .....	58 Vermont .....	Burditts English	Minnie Emery
Nov. 6	Concord .....	Ada Messenger .....	83 Nova Scotia .....	Zephorea Palmer	Maria A. Starrett
Nov. 20	Concord .....	Dorothy Dearborn .....	82 Unknown .....	Henry Smith	Mathilda George

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. C. Hazelton, Town Clerk





